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(U) Butte - Deputies Arrest Man Suspected of Bringing Fentanyl into Jail, Leading to Overdoses

(U) In a news release, the Sheriff's Office said Eric Robert Rehse, 35, turned himself in for an outstanding felony warrant for smuggling drugs into the jail. Three inmates were found suffering from opioid overdoses in a medium-security housing unit of the jail. After a search of the housing unit, deputies found 14.8 grams of fentanyl. Rehse, who remained in custody, was arrested on suspicion of bringing a controlled substance into jail and distribution of a controlled substance. The Sheriff's Office requested felony charges be brought against him by the Butte County District Attorney's Office.

SOURCE: 9 January 2022, Sacramento Bee

(U) Rancho Cucamonga – Inmate Wounds Deputy with Jail-Made Knife

(U) An inmate at the West Valley Detention Center will face an additional charge of attempted murder of a peace officer after he tried to stab a San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department deputy with a jail-made knife, officials said. The inmate, 42-year-old Samuel Amador, was being moved from his cell to the outside recreation yard when he pulled a 6-inch knife that was hidden in his clothing and assaulted a deputy, the Sheriff's Department said in a release.

SOURCE: 8 January 2022, KTLA5

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) Texas – Border Agents Reported a 1,066% Increase in Fentanyl Seized Last Year

(U) Brownsville – US Customs and Border Protection reported a 1,066% increase in the amount of fentanyl seized in fiscal year 2021 in south Texas. Agents at eight ports from Brownsville to Del Rio seized 87,652 pounds of narcotics, including 588 pounds of fentanyl. The street value of the drugs — which also included marijuana, cocaine, methamphetamine, and heroin — is believed to be \$786 million. Fentanyl, the deadliest drug in the United States, is 50 times more powerful than heroin and is extremely cheap to produce, according to the Drug Enforcement Agency.

SOURCE: 8 January 2022, KCRA3

(U) NATIONAL

(U) District of Columbia - FBI Warns Cybercriminals Attempt to Hack US Firms with USB Drives

(U) Washington – A prolific Eastern European cybercriminal group has tried to hack US companies in the transportation, defense and insurance sectors by mailing those organizations malicious USB drives, the FBI warned US businesses this week in an advisory. The unnamed companies received a series of fake letters via the US Postal Service and UPS from August to November impersonating the Department of Health and Human Services in some cases, and Amazon in others. But instead of an actual Amazon gift card, or authorized guidance about the coronavirus pandemic, the letters came with a USB stick laced with malicious software. If inserted into a computer, the USB stick could have given the hacking group access to an organization's networks to deploy ransomware, the FBI said.

SOURCE: 7 January 2022, CNN

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(U) Rhode Island – Man Arrested for Allegedly Selling, Trafficking 'Ghost Guns' to Dominican Republic (U) Providence – Robert Alcantara, 34, was charged with one count of conspiracy to traffic firearms and one count of making false statements, the US Department of Justice said. Each count carries a maximum sentence of five years in prison. Alcantara allegedly purchased most of the ghost guns in his possession in incomplete form and finished them at a workstation at his Providence home, according to the criminal complaint from the US Attorney's Office. Alcantara then allegedly transported firearms to the Dominican Republic via Miami, where he sold them for several thousand dollars, the complaint reads. SOURCE: 9 January 2022, CNN

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Iran – Iran Revolutionary Guard Commander Says 'Revenge' Coming for Soleimani Strike

(U) Tehran – The leader of Iran's Revolutionary Guard Corps has warned that revenge for Lt. Gen. Qassem Soleimani's death will come for the United States from "within" the country itself. Brig. Gen. Esmail Ghaani, who replaced Soleimani, spoke during the second anniversary of Soleimani's death, which Iran has labeled as "martyrdom." Ghaani underscored the republic's dedication to avenging the general's death, saying that the "ground for the hard revenge" will come from "within" the homes of Americans.

SOURCE: 8 January 2022, Fox News

(U) Mexico – 56 Inmates Injured in Prison Riot

(U) Mexico City – A riot erupted inside Apodaca prison over prisoners trying to extort money from others and 56 inmates were injured, authorities said. Aldo Fasci, the public safety secretary for Nuevo Leon state, said that the injuries were all caused by beatings and that no firearms were involved. He said many inmates at the prison work in industrial plants and at least five gangs are extorting money from other inmates inside prison walls.

SOURCE: 8 January 2022, ABC News

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